

**Selectboard Memo**  
**November 2, 2015 SB Meeting**

**Discussion on Zoning Enforcement Actions**

- Mr. & Ms. May expect to attend to discuss the ongoing situation on Mays Way and potential Environmental Court enforcement of the Notice of Violation against the Clement/Buck family at 365 Mays Way
- No sign that the Clement/Buck family is spending nights at the property; the camper is still on the site

**Town Treasurer Report**

- Treasurer Welch will be here

**Discussion with Capital Improvement Committee on Funding Options for Purchase of Winston/Silberberg Property**

- The Winston/Silberberg sale has now received judicial approval; next step will be for the attorneys to vet the various documents in advance of closing, which could happen in as little as two weeks
- The CIC has developed a variety of options for funding the purchase in the long term (the town will initially use capital reserve funds to close the deal); see CIC letter

**Consideration of 2016 Employee Health Care Benefit Options**

- Basic question is whether the board wants to make any changes to current offerings:
  - We pay the equivalent of 90% of the BCBS Platinum Plan
    - In 2015, one employee chose to take the Gold Plan, which saved the town some \$40/month and cost the employee nothing; it appears, however, that the tradeoff (higher costs/deductible) will make that choice a one-year gamble
  - In lieu of insurance, we provide a stipend of \$1,600
- Assuming we want to stick with the BCBS offerings, an initial issue is whether we want to offer our employees access to as many as 9 BCBS plans or some subset of same (see sheet)
- Cost of BCBS plans are up overall about 5.9% (plan increases vary; Platinum Plan is up 5.2%)
- FY2016 budget health insurance line is \$72,000; the first half of the 2016 health care benefit is covered by this budget line, with the second half under the FY2017 budget; current monthly cost (with stipends) is \$5,764.12; projected monthly cost starting in January 2016, using the current benefit and assuming no changes other than the anticipated shift of one employee from the Gold Plan to the Platinum Plan, will be \$6,085.10. As always, we have to open up the benefit options to all employees, so the actual cost could be significantly higher.
- Need to determine 3 things:
  - Town share of insurance cost
  - BCBS plans to be offered to employees
  - Value of stipend in lieu of health insurance
- New consideration for 2016: we will have one employee eligible for Medicare in June

**Consideration of VTrans Structures Program Grant Agreement**

- VTrans has finally released the grant agreements for the FY16 structures & paving grants; the town received a grant of \$92,880 for the replacement of the Murray Road culvert near the city line; this is a 90/10 grant, although there may be elements for this project that could require town funding, such as timber guardrails; we have until December 31, 2017 to use the grant
- If comfortable, board should authorize TA Johnson to sign the grant agreement

**Discussion on Final Report from Phase 1 of the VTrans County Road High Risk Rural Road Project**

- Board needs to determine if it wants the project to move forward to the design stage and, if so, whether changes in the plan are desired; special attention should be paid to the plan for the Center Road and Cummings Road intersections with County Road; Road Foreman Garand is happy with the plan as currently planned
- If comfortable, board should authorize TA Johnson to sign the cover letter asking VTrans to move forward with the project

**Discussion on Village Properties & Projects: Frank Pratt**

- Frank Pratt will be here to discuss the Park 'n Ride project and possible tie-ins to the Winston property

**Appointments**

- **Green Up Day Coordinator for 2016 Green Up Day**
  - Chris Racanelli is willing to serve another term

## Access Permits

### ➤ 15-035 Rice

- In 2005 Bob & Lorie Rice, 855 Jacobs Road, did a subdivision creating two building lots, one directly on Jacobs Road that has since been sold & developed by the Morris family and a back lot still owned by the Rice family; both new lots used the same access point off of Jacobs along the south side of the Morris property; both families would like to change the access point for the back lot to a slot on the north edge of the Rice property (essentially just over the property line); this will create a second access on the same property; the DRB is willing to allow this change of access without a subdivision amendment as long as the Selectboard approve the curb cut location and the owners file a new plat reflected the shifted access easement to the back lot
- Mike Garand has approved the selected curb cut location

## Town Administrator Report

- Early 2016 Town Meeting Warning Issues:
  - Does SB want GMTA to come in to discuss the Route 2 Commuter Bus article? Request is same as last year -- \$8,333; preliminary date choice is the December 21<sup>st</sup> SB meeting
  - Does SB want Montpelier Senior Activity Center to come in to discuss its request? Request is same as last year -- \$ 5,000
  - Any interest in pulling the Twin Valley Senior Center out of the funding article process so that it has a stand-alone article like the Montpelier Senior Activity Center?
  - The Funding Request Study Committee is facing 33 requests for a total of \$34,611, including \$7,000 for the two senior centers
- Stipends will be paid as part of the November 12<sup>th</sup> payroll (November 19<sup>th</sup> payday):
  - How would SB like to handle the split year situation with Steve Sparrow & Gene Troia?
  - Constable line has \$1,500; we only had one constable this year; given the interest in increasing this for FY2017, do you want to give the full \$1,500 to our constable this year?
- Update on Quaker Road Pavement “Slump”:
  - No contact with Whitcomb’s Construction despite repeated calls; there are some rumors that the company has had a rough season
- Zoning Amendments Hearing:
  - Will be warned next week for the November 30<sup>th</sup> date; once warned, all applications will be processed under both the current and proposed regulations
- Gene Troia Officially Resigned His Planning Commission Seat:
  - SB needs to determine whether it wants to fill the seat through 2016 Town Meeting and, if so, what methodology; Gene’s term is up in 2017, so there will be a part-term PC seat up for election in 2016
  - The last time we had a PC vacancy, the SB issued a notice of vacancy with a request for interested parties to contact the PC; the PC conducted interviews and recommended a candidate to the SB, which then appointed the person
- Caldwell Delinquent Tax Sale:
  - One third mile north of Powder Horn Glen Road on the west side of County Road
  - Sale is set for Tuesday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 10 a.m. here at the town office
  - Laundry tax sale (2726 Horn of the Moon Road) is on hold as our attorney deals with the estate & probate aspects of the ownership interests
- Meeting Schedule:
  - November 16<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm Regular SB meeting
  - November 30<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm Public hearing on zoning regulation amendments at ESF
  - December 3<sup>rd</sup> 7:00 pm EMFD FY17 budget presentation at ESF
  - December 7<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm Regular SB meeting & joint budget meeting with Calais
  - December 19<sup>th</sup> 5:00 pm Town party at ESF
  - December 21<sup>st</sup> 6:30 pm Regular SB meeting

## Zoning Administrator Report

- See permit activity for period October 19 – November 2, 2015
- Next regular DRB meeting will be on November 3, 2015
  - Manghi/Gardner/Duane final plan review for a two-lot subdivision of 185 Markham Road
  - Continuance of Glottmann appeal of Wells accessory dwelling permit on Cutler Heights